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The House met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore [Mr. LATOURETTE].

DESIGNATION OF THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore laid before the House the following communication from the Speaker:

WASHINGTON, DC,
July 23, 1997.

I hereby designate the Honorable STEVEN C. LATOURETTE to act as Speaker pro tempore on this day.

NEWT GINGRICH,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, Rev. James David Ford, D.D., offered the following prayer:

As we pray to You, O God, to reveal the high purposes of life, we also remind ourselves that You have given to us the responsibility to use our minds and hearts and hands to accomplish those high purposes. You have commanded that we follow the road to peace, so may we use our minds to discover those roads; You have told us to feed the hungry, so may we use our hands to till the soil and plant the crops; You have told us to be compassionate to all people, so may our hearts compel us to help heal the broken and strengthen our communities. We thank You, O God, for giving us the heavenly vision and we pray that we will realize that vision in our daily lives. This is our earnest prayer. Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Will the gentleman from Colorado, Mr. BOB SCHAFFER, come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. BOB SCHAFFER of Colorado led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the Senate by Ms. McDevitt, one of its clerks, announced that the Senate had passed with amendments in which the concurrence of the House is requested, a bill of the House of the following title:

H.R. 2016. An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes.

The message also announced that the Senate insists upon its amendments to the bill (H.R. 2016) "An act making appropriations for military construction, family housing, and base realignment and closure for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1998, and for other purposes", requests a conference with the House on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon, and appoints Mr. BURNS, Mrs. HUTCHISON, Mr. FAIRCLOTH, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. STEVENS, Mrs. MURRAY, Mr. REID, Mr. INOUE, and Mr. BYRD, to be the conferees on the part of the Senate.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. The Chair will entertain fifteen 1-minute speeches from each side.

PRESENTATION OF FREEDOM WORKS AWARD TO THE INDIANAPOLIS LEGAL AID SOCIETY

(Mr. ARMEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. ARMEY. Mr. Speaker, I am excited today to present the Freedom Works Award to the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society for their fine work in providing legal representation to the poor of central Indiana. I established the Freedom Works Award to celebrate freedom by recognizing individuals and groups who take personal and private initiative instead of promoting reliance on the Government. Today I am honoring the Indianapolis Legal Aid Society which is the largest organization in Indiana devoted solely to the nonideological, nonpartisan provision of legal assistance to people who cannot afford to hire a lawyer.

Mr. Speaker, the Society employs four full-time and three part-time lawyers who, with a small group of volunteer lawyers, personally assisted more than 7,000 clients in 1996. In fact, last year the Society received inquiries from more than 15,000 people seeking legal assistance in such matters as family law, custody disputes, and landlord-tenant rights.

Despite operating on a limited budget and not receiving raises for 4 years, the Society's committed staff continues to assist the poor in central Indiana in a compassionate and efficient manner, providing hope for citizens who have nowhere else to turn. This group reminds us of the thousands of lawyers across the Nation who provide free legal assistance to low-income Americans through their own generosity. In fact, pro bono attorneys contribute over five times the number of hours worked annually by the staff attorneys in the Legal Service Corp's network, and Mr. Speaker, this fine

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